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## BISHOP LAUPER HEADS NEW FLOCK

Bishop Serge J. Lauper, formerly of Diamond Ward was set apart as bishop of Sunset ward in San Francisco Stake by Apostle Stephen L. Richards during the November conference of that Stake. Bishop Lauper succeeds Bishop Charles W. White who had presided over that ward since prior to the division of Oakland and San Francisco Stakes. Bishop White, together with his counselors, Floyd J. Griffith and A. Raymond Christensen, and ward clerk Joseph J. Lee, were given an honorable release for their long period of faithful and capable service.

The new counselors are Claude T. Lindsay and Dr. Malcolm Merrill, and the new clerk is Wesley Odell.

Bishop Lauper and his associates take over the reins of the ward at a time when it is in the throes of a campaign for its new home, destined to be the first L. D. S. built chapel in the city of San Francisco. The Church already owns the property where San Francisco ward is housed, the chapel being an old building recently remodelled. The Sunset ward chapel will be entirely new and will be headquarters for the Stake as well as the ward. A beautiful lot has already been acquired in the Sunset district, and the plans for the building virtually completed. Bishop Lauper is well qualified from experience and ability to direct the task of transforming the plans into reality.



## BERKELEY WARD MEMBERS GET DIRECTORY

Thanks to the untiring efforts of President J. Edward Johnson, a directory containing the names of every member, big and little, of Berkeley ward has recently been completed and distributed to the members, and to all stake officers. There are some 760 names in the directory.

This directory will be used among other things, as a guide in ward teaching which is under the supervision of President Johnson. There was a report for the month of October showing 100% on ward teaching. Attendance at various meetings is already showing the results of this splendid effort. A spirit of close, fraternal brotherhood is being fostered as never before. Teachers have received instructions that their first assignment is to become personally acquainted with every man, woman and child upon their list, to be able to call them each by their Christian name, and to search them out and greet them at each ward meeting.

Accompanying the directory is a letter to the ward membership outlining a plan to keep the directory up to date, and promising to soon distribute a similar directory of all general and Stake officials.

## FLYING SQUADRON VISITS OAKLAND AREA

### Church Authorities Seek Increased Participation in Scouting

Headed by Apostle Melvin J. Ballard, the "flying squadron" of Church leaders who have been travelling all over the Church in the interest of the Boy Scouts of America visited the Oakland area and held a most enthusiastic meeting on Monday evening, November 22, attended by members of Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento and Gridley stakes. Others in the party were George Q. Morris, general superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A., Oscar Kirkham, executive secretary of the M. I. A., and John D. Giles, field secretary of the M. I. A.

Each of these distinguished leaders addressed the meeting, explaining the Church's attitude and relationship to scouting, and the importance of the movement in training of future citizens and Church members.

Apostle Ballard spoke first and also concluded the meeting. He stated that thus far the Mormon Church had led every other sponsoring body in securing the highest percentage of its eligibles as enrolled, active scouts. It was the first to reach the national goal of one out of each four boys; and now that the national average has reached that figure, the Mormon average is two out of every four boys, and the "flying squadron" is anxious to see that increased to four out of every four. The Oakland area, comprising the four stakes of Northern California is slightly under the present Church average. "Scouting is not merely optional in the Church — it is a vital part of the program," said Apostle Ballard. "It is as important to create scout troops within the Church, under Church leaders, as it is to create Sunday school classes for the boys. Each year there are four times as many children born within the Church as there are converts from the outside. The M. I. A. is the rescue mission of the Church. Boys are reasonably safe up to 12 years of age, but then begins the period of danger."

"You must capture these boys to keep them," he said, "and if you are going to do that you must prepare for it." Next to choosing the bishop of a ward, the most important posts in the ward are those of its boy leaders. Our greatest weakness, he said, is the lack of trained men.

John D. Giles next addressed the group on the organization and correlation of the work between the M. I. A., Sunday school and priesthood quorums. He said that scouting is the only program from outside the Church which the Church has ever accepted. It was brought to the United States from Great Britain in 1910, and ever since then there have been some Church troops. The Church started scouting independently in 1911, and in 1913 it had the distinction of being the very first religious body in the entire world to officially affiliate with the National Council. Later it developed the vanguard program for the older boys, and in 1928 scouting and vanguard work were made the official activities of the Aaronic priesthood quorums. In 1931

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## VARIETY SPICE IN AUSTRALIAN MISSIONARY'S LIFE

Cycling, thumbing and shank's-ponying mile after mile is all in the day's work for the missionary in Australia—and then, a cool duck fully dressed in twenty feet of salt water is added as a sort of special thrill. Such at least is the story Elder Grant Tolman writes to his dad and mother, or to be more accurate, partly writes them. It seems he keeps something back, for example the fact that he has been made president of the Sydney District, the largest in the entire mission; they were left to find this out from others.



Grant Tolman Until quite recently Grant was situated in Adelaide, around a thousand miles from where he now is. Previous to that he was president of the Tasmania District for some eight months, approximately 2000 miles from where he now is. In going to his various assignments he has exercised his curiosity for new sights and succeeded in covering in rather unconventional manner (conventional, he says, for the missionary) many miles. When he reached Sydney upon his last assignment he was made District President, and it is expected he will remain there until released to come home early in January.

It was in Sydney that he had his salt water experience. With some others he went out on a small motor boat to see some departing companions off for home. Somehow in negotiating the distance between the boat and the deck of the steamer he lost his footing. The law of gravity did the rest.

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## SPECIAL M. MEN, AARONIC PRIESTHOOD CONVENTION DECEMBER 12

A special convention has been called for the Aaronic Priesthood and M. Men to be held at the Oakland chapel Sunday, December 12. There will be representatives of general authorities present, and all northern California stakes will participate.

The M. Men convention is scheduled for 9 A.M. Sunday morning. The Aaronic priesthood convention will follow in the afternoon at 2 P.M.

Those requested to be present at these meetings are: The Stake presidency, high councilors, all bishoprics; Stake and ward superintendence of M. I. A.; Stake superintendence of Sunday schools; at least one representative of each ward Sunday school superintendence; Stake and ward M. Men supervisors, leaders and coaches; all M. Men officers, both Stake and ward; Aaronic priesthood quorum supervisors and leaders in both Stake and wards; and all Sunday School and M. I. A. priesthood leaders, both Stake and ward.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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**EDITORIAL**

With this issue of the Messenger, those in charge of the editorial department will have rounded out one year of service. It has been a year of many changes in the Stake, and of rather hard, though enjoyable, work.

This issue also marks the completion of full seven years in the life of the Messenger, which with the January number will be eight years of age.

What changes, what growth, those seven years have seen! And no small part, we think, has been that played by this little paper. It has been the ambition of those responsible to make The Messenger the connecting link between our members and to have it reach those who might be interested but not actively affiliated. It was not created just to have another paper. The world is already full of publications, perhaps too many of them. There is already too much duplication and waste without our adding to it.

But there was need for the connecting link among our people here, a source of news and messages of a religious and fraternal nature—news and messages which could be widely circulated in no other way. To fill that need President MacDonald was inspired to create this paper, and from that day to this its goal has never changed. Its only excuse is to supply that which would not otherwise be supplied, and when it ceases to do that its reason for existence will have disappeared.

The present staff have been faithful to that idea. How successful they have been is not for them to say; but it has been a real pleasure for every member of the staff to see the popularity and demand for the Messenger grow, to see it increase in size, circulation and quality of content, to see more and more people become interested in it.

**HIGH COUNCIL, MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Alameda: Grant Ellis, Preston Jackson.  
Berkeley: C. C. Carr, Grace Elliott.  
Dimond: Don C. Wood, Ed. Kingsford.  
Elmhurst: Delbert F. Wright, Reed Chase.  
Hayward: Ray H. Fisher, Robert T. Paine.  
Martinez: O. Leslie Stone, John M. Telford.  
Oakland: Claude Dewsnup, Oscar Fontano.  
Richmond: Don J. Alphin, Stanley Dahlin.  
Vallejo: Victor J. Lindblad, Elmo Carr.

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**STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We wish to take this opportunity to extend to every Latter Day Saint in the Oakland Stake the greetings of the season. We most earnestly wish and pray that each of you are enjoying the blessings of Our Heavenly Father in rich abundance, and that you are also recognizing Him as the giver.

Most precious of all gifts and blessings which we have received is the priceless gift of eternal life which is made available to each of us through the atonement of Christ the author of our salvation. His marvelous life and teachings are brought forcefully before us at this holiday season. Let us ponder well in its deep significance.

We wish also to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the loyal and devoted workers who are working to advance this great cause. We recommend for the earnest consideration of everyone this modern day scripture: "If thou lovest me thou shall serve me and keep all my commandments." Doc. & Cov. 42:29. Each of us has "put his hand to the plow" and there must be no turning back or slacking our vigilance.

It is now a good time as the year is drawing to a close to take stock of ourselves in the light of what the Lord here says. What do our records show? What does your individual record show? Before the year closes can you not do something to improve it? Are we actually striving with all our "might, mind and soul" to order our lives in keeping with the mighty truth which we have covenanted to cherish and obey? To the extent that our lives are made to conform to the principles of the gospel will we really enjoy that "peace which passeth understanding."

May this enduring peace be the rich possession of every member of Oakland Stake of Zion!

Most sincerely your brethren,  
Eugene Hilton  
W. Glenn Harmon  
Clyde J. Summerhays.

**M.I.A. TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR**

A rollicking, frolicking, wholesome, high-spirited New Year's Eve party, designed to take care of our own in our own way, is sponsored by the Stake M. I. A. for the Berkeley recreation hall December 31st.

It will be the first of what is hoped may become annual affairs. It has been rightly felt that our young people could not afford, either morally, spiritually or financially, the type of indulgence and dissipation which has become all too common on this occasion. Nor should they be left to their own devices. Such dissipation is not necessary to have a really good time. Wholesomeness and high spirits have much in common, and are the aim of the recreation program of the M. I. A.

The New Year's party will commence at 9 P. M. The finest of music has been obtained, and there will be balloons, confetti and everything it takes to make a really good time. Dancing for those who desire will continue until 2 A. M., after which there will be opportunity for various groups to arrange supper or breakfast parties.

The Stake recreational season was ushered in with a highly successful Thanksgiving eve Utah-Idaho ball at the Scottish Rite auditorium. A huge crowd attended and enjoyed themselves amid the beautiful decorations.

**Flying Squadron Visits Oakland**

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Aaronic priesthood leaders were made scout leaders. Now, however, the movement has grown so much that it has become advisable to have separate leaders, though their work is still correlated. Scouting and exploring are still Priesthood activities but have separate leaders who are part of the M. I. A.

Superintendent Morris sounded the keynote of the whole program. "We are mobilizing the manhood of the Church to preserve the boyhood of the Church." Scouting is a part of mutual," he said, "we want the boys definitely a part of the Tuesday evening work" In fact every speaker stressed this fact, their attention having been drawn to the practice in many wards of having scout meetings on different evenings of the week.

Oscar Kirkham, who, like Apostle George Albert Smith, has won international recognition for outstanding contributions to the program, pointed out the marvelous opportunity for missionary work. "We are a people of destiny," he said, "We have tremendous responsibilities. We are not ordinary; we are different; we have a Divine mission. Let's live to be a party to it." There are some 245,000 men in scouting in the United States, and 1,000,000 boys. It is our job to get it into the hearts of the boys that service of God is the greatest privilege. We have no time to do battle with others who may also be engaged in the cause of Christ. There are so many who do not accept Him at all, we should join hands to bring them to the light. "Scouting is a great power for peace," he said, and then painted in vivid pictures some of the things that happened at the great jamboree in Europe.

The meeting was presided over by President Hilton, who expressed in behalf of all the stakes the gratitude of the people for the work and the visit of these leaders. Undoubtedly the program will receive invaluable stimulation from their work.

**STAKE BOOK DEPOSITORY HAS MANY XMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

There are available many books, both old and new, suitable for gifts to friends, relatives. These may be had at lowest prices through the Book Depository at the Oakland Chapel, supervised by I. B. Ball.

Following are a few of many suggestions: By John Henry Evans, "Step a Little Higher;" Charles C. Rich, Pioneer;" Joseph Smith;" Story of Utah;" Heart of Mormonism;" Messages and Characters of the Book of Mormon." By Orson Pratt, "Wonders of the Universe," containing sermons and lectures on astronomy not before available; "Key to the Universe." Among the very new ones are: "God's Covenant Race" by Anderson; "Romance of the Book of Mormon" by Hickman; "United Order Among the Mormons;" "Organization of 13 Churches;" "Life of Franklin D. Richards."

Many additional books are on display in the book case at the Oakland Chapel.

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**WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE**

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**Squaring Our Accounts With The Lord**

There is still left of the year 1937 enough time, for those who earnestly desire to do so, to square accounts with the Lord. There is still time in which to check back over the years and determine whether or not we have met our obligations in full.

The obligations to our Father in Heaven are of three kinds or classes: There are honor accounts, duty accounts, and financial accounts.

As Latter-Day Saints, we have honor accounts. We have been taught the truths of the Gospel, the standards of the Church, and our obligations as members of the Church, and we have been given our free agency—placed upon our honor—either to obey the Gospel, or to violate its teachings. Unpaid honor accounts can be settled only by true repentance and a determination to make up for past failings by full observance in the future.

Duty accounts are those which place upon us the obligation to do the things required of us in our Church relationship. Every member has individual duties, family duties, and Church duties. A check of the past year will remind us of our duty obligations which are unfulfilled. Here again only true repentance and a determination to make up in the coming years for remissions of the past can repay the obligations of duty.

Financial obligations include tithing, fast offerings, ward maintenance, and other contributions of money for Church purposes. At the end of the year is a suitable and appropriate time to check back and learn whether or not we have met our financial obligations to the Lord. There is still time in which to make amends for failure to meet these obligations.

As a New Year approaches, the best way to greet it with promise of success, happiness, and satisfaction, is to meet it with a clear conscience—with a knowledge of having met the obligations of the past year to the very best of our ability. (December Era, p. 702. It will be well for teachers to read further on the responsibilities of the Ward Teacher.)

**STAKE MISSIONARIES**

Two full-time missionaries have been assigned to work in Oakland Stake by President MacDonald of the California Mission. They have now been here several weeks and are getting a good start. They are Elder M. Smith Passey, a native of Idaho, and Elder J. Roscoe Hunt, from Utah. Living quarters for them have been fitted up in the Berkeley Chapel.

They are actively cooperating with the Stake missionaries in tracting, visiting and cottage meetings. They are also taking part in the current series of investigator's meetings being rotated among the various wards. These meetings are drawing a great number of strangers as the result of the distribution of a great number of printed circulars.

The semi-annual Stake missionary conference was held at Oakland on November 22nd, with attendance of all missionaries excepting four who were officially excused.

**Vern Cragun On Road to Recovery**

Vern Cragun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Cragun of Elmhurst, who suffered fractures of his neck in two places when bathing at Long Beach last summer has been staging a most remarkable recovery. He was injured when he dove into a wave, and the injury was severely aggravated when the ambulance attendants carelessly dropped him while placing him on a stretcher.

For over three weeks he was unconscious. Doctors had little hope for his recovery; his body was paralyzed from the neck down.

He has been steadily getting better, however and is now able to feed himself and do many things. His parents have great faith that within a year he will be completely recovered. The accident was doubly unfortunate for the Craguns because a short time prior thereto Mrs. Cragun had sustained serious injuries in an automobile accident.

**Variety Is Spice In Australian Missionary's Life**

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Since then his companions have given him little rest, though it is recorded that they condescended to fish him out of the briny deep.

His trip from Adelaide was quite interesting, though windy. He says: "After I had sent my trunk and suitcase on to Sydney by boat I shook hands with the fellows at 142 and walked downtown to catch the train to the main highway. Believe me, I felt mighty sad leaving a place and people I had learned to love with the thought I'd likely never see the place again. I was sorry it wasn't a nice day when I left because I wanted to leave there with the picture in my mind as it generally is. Unfortunately the morning was overcast and a stiff so'easter was kicking up the dust.

"I walked along the road a short distance and the first car that came along took me to the next town of any size, Murray Bridge, population 5,000, beautifully situated on a small plateau above the banks of the famous Murray river. The river is known all over the Commonwealth for its beauty . . . and is fringed from the bridge to beyond Adelaide with thousands of weeping willow trees. . . After I had a bite to eat I started exercising my thumb and before long I was given a ride for about thirty miles. . . I turned right and started walking southward along the Princess Highway. I wanted to see more country. It is about 100 miles farther this way but I'm glad I came now for a number of reasons as you'll see later. I received a few short rides until I came to a small one-shay town on the seashore. I spent the night there at the hostel. I was plenty tired because I had walked a long way and the weather had turned right down disagreeable. There was the persistent wind to contend with and now that I had reached the open country it became colder and much stronger.

"For a half hour or so I lay cosily snuggled between the sheets of a luxuriously soft bed and listened to the whining of the wind through the eaves of the house, dreamily thinking over the events of the day. Soon that, combined with fatigue and the distant roar of the surf brought slumber.

"The following day the wind still continued. . . though it had shifted to my back and made walking much easier. I would rather have dispensed with that aid because it was still aggravatingly cold and flying particles of sand and dust made my eyes sting and smart. . . Until towards evening it seemed that this was my unlucky day. Car after car whizzed past me without the occupants even glancing in my direction. It seemed that I was an outcast. It was some 25 miles to the first hint of civilization, and that was only a road house. . . By the time I reached it I had walked for 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.; I had become footsore and weary as well as ravenously hungry, so I entered the house and ordered, but all they had was cold meat. But it tasted mighty good, and after downing that and lapping up a cup of hot cocoa I felt like a new man and continued walking along the road enjoying the scenery afresh. . . This section of the country is really beautiful. The nature of the vegetation is different than any I had ever seen. . . Interspersed were hundreds of small inlets penetrating inland in all sorts of shapes and for varied distances. To the south were the most peculiar mountain formations I had ever seen in my life. They didn't exceed a thousand feet high, but they were mountains of sand and their white, glistening sides with a fringe of trees a short way up. . . presented a beautiful sight.

. . . About three miles further on I came to some soft beds. . . there I saw about 15 kangaroo make for the inlands at breakneck speed. Something had frightened them, and shading my eyes I saw an automobile tearing down the road in my direction. I hailed it. . . it came to a grinding stop. I felt so happy that I could have yelled. . . dashed down the road at a gallop. . . hopped in. . . a new Auburn and what a beauty! . . . driven by a chaf-fleur and a prosperous looking man sat at his side. . . very amiable and genial. . . soon discussing everything in general. He was well educated. . . interesting to listen to. . . told me a lot about the country we were travelling through.

"At Mt. Gambier. . . we stopped. . . small cafe. . . drove on. I had told him previously who I was and after we had travelled on in silence for some time he said 'Could you tell me something about the life of Christ—I've wanted to learn a little of Him but it seems as though I've never taken the time to find out.' I was only too thrilled to do so. . . he scrambled over the front seat into the back with me in a most unconventional manner. . . the next couple hours devoted to religious discussion . . . an intelligent listener. . . would stop me and question some of the statements I made. . . One of the most interesting discussions I had ever been a party to. . . told him about the Book of Mormon. . . promised to give him one. In exchange is going to present me with the Life of Sidney Kidman, world famous Australian cattle king. . . He said if I'd stay (in Australia) a year or so longer he'd give me a job. . . arrange a trip northward from Adelaide through the interior clear to Darwin (Amelia Earhart left from there) and then down the east coast through Queensland land."

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## MESSENGER CIRCULATION TO INCREASE

Coincident with the January number of the Messenger, which is number one of Volume VIII, and in keeping with the rapid growth of the Stake, a new method of circulation will be inaugurated which is expected to practically double present circulation immediately. Instead of distribution as in the past at fast services for those who attend only, copies will be mailed to each home to reach there the Saturday before fast service.

In preparation for this change, which entails a tremendous amount of volunteer labor, a circulation department has been created, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Orth. They have almost completed a tentative mailing list designed to include the head of each family (and persons living alone). Addressograph equipment is being purchased and installed and will be ready for use early in December.

The plan calls for monthly revision of the mailing list. It will thus give to the Stake and to every ward something which will be of vital use. Copies undeliverable through the mails will be returned to the circulation department each month, whereupon the bishops concerned will be promptly notified, and will, through their ward teachers or other designated medium, check up on the subscriber, determine the new address and report back. Bishops will also notify the circulation department each month of new arrivals.

It is expected that the first mailing list will contain a rather large percentage of errors and omissions. For that reason patience of subscribers is requested along with their cooperation. If for any reason you suspect that your address is wrong on your ward record, or if you think it has been omitted, or if you know of anyone who is omitted, please report it to your bishop, and please drop a postal card with the correct information to Mr. Bert Orth, Hotel St. Mark, Oakland.

## M MEN BASKET BALL

Because of their impressive wins over Alameda and Elmhurst the Dimond ward M Men are leading the Stake basket ball league, with Alameda second in line with only one loss. Berkeley and Oakland are in a tie for third position, as a result of a 40 to 39 win for Berkeley in their last game. Oakland was allowed two free foul throws after the game was called but did not score on either of them. The team standings and percents are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Percent
Dimond	2	0	1.000
Alameda	2	1	.666
Berkeley	1	1	.500
Oakland	1	1	.500
Elmhurst	0	3	.000

As a general rule the games have been close with some good basket ball being played. The games are played at the Emery High school, at 47th and San Pablo Avenue. The schedule for the rest of the season follows:

December 8, Berkeley vs. Alameda and Elmhurst vs. Dimond; December 15, Oakland vs. Berkeley and Elmhurst vs. Alameda; December 22, Oakland vs. Alameda and Berkeley vs. Dimond; January 5, Oakland vs. Dimond and Berkeley vs. Elmhurst; January 10, Oakland vs. Elmhurst and Alameda vs. Dimond; January 12, Berkeley vs. Alameda and Elmhurst vs. Dimond.

January 19, Oakland vs. Berkeley and Elmhurst vs. Alameda; January 26, Oakland vs. Alameda and Berkeley vs. Dimond; February 2, Oakland vs. Dimond and Berkeley vs. Elmhurst.

## M.I.A. CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mr. and Mrs. Kay Shreeve, of Ogden Utah, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Iven Pearson.

Mrs. Margaret Marchant has been selected as the literary teacher in the Relief Society.

A group of young people spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Vaun Moody on November 9, in honor of Vaun's birthday.

Mrs. R. Jackson is the new social service teacher for the Relief Society.

Mrs. Calvin Cragun took a trip to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of Bishop A. S. Wilkinson's daughter, who is Mrs. Cragun's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Brown of Murray, Utah, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilson. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of Mrs. Neilson.

Dr. M. P. Ream received a letter from Dr. Beaulah Ream, who is now Mrs. Allen, she is well and is taking up her practice in Manila.

We welcome Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. Clara McHanry, and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Williams to the Ward.

## PROGRAM

Prelude	
March.....	Organ, Norma Bryan
Anthem.....	Chorus
Where Christmas Lasts a Year	Clark Hughes
Instrumental, Violin, Viola, Cello, Piano.....	James Dean, Director
Christmas Story.....	Phyllis Farr
Christmas Carols.....	Chorus
Trumpet Effects.....	Easton Willey
Anthem.....	Chorus
Directors—Orthella Hughes, Easton Willey	
Organist—Norma Bryan	

## WARD NEWS

## ELMHURST

O. Leslie Stone, of the High Council, J. C. Stirrat, Stake superintendent of Sunday Schools and Reed Chase, of the Stake Missionaries, were the speakers at our Ward Conference. We had a large attendance at both the morning and evening sessions. Fine reports were given of all the organizations.

The Relief Society held a very successful apron sale in conjunction with the Ward dance on November 19th. Everyone present spent an enjoyable evening.

Manton Moody has been released with a vote of thanks for his fine work as 1st assistant in the Sunday school superintendence. L. C. Eggertson was advanced from 2nd assistant to 1st assistant and Ronald Cheney was sustained as 2nd assistant.

A stork shower was held at the home of Mrs. M. Moody in honor of Mrs. S. Coombs.

Mrs. Jessie Stock has been sustained as 2nd counselor in the primary organization.

The Austin Pipe Organ is the type of organ finally decided upon for Berkeley Chapel. The committee, consisting of Bishop P. W. Dunyon, John Y. Smith, Heber Russell, and Karleton Driggs, made this selection after careful consideration of many makes. It is so constructed that new units can be added from time to time. Construction and installation are to be completed within the next four months. Alexander Schriener, organist for the Salt Lake Tabernacle, will be the guest artist at the first concert on the new instrument.

The M. I. A. will present a play this Tuesday (Dec. 7) entitled, "A Prince There Was." Harold Gaisford and Melvin Passey will take the leading parts. Admission is 35 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. As it is to raise money for the organ, it is hoped that a great number of people will attend.

"Lambda Delta Sigma" is the name decided on temporarily for the class consisting of lower division college and high school students. Meetings are held Sunday nights. Warren Carr is president.

Coming as a surprise to the members of Berkeley Ward is the announcement of the marriage of Weston Loyd and Jean Murdoch. The ceremony was performed last June in Salt Lake.

November 20 was the date of the wedding of Louis Fowlks and Olga Lott. It took place at the home of Von T. Ellsworth, Bishop Erickson officiating. Mrs. Ellsworth was the matron of honor, and Milton Lott best man. Trilis Ellsworth furnished music for the event.

Betty Jane Wiseman was presented in a Musica at the Berkeley Ward Chapel Sunday, November 14, by Orthella Hughes. The numbers were very well accepted and Betty Jane shows promise of a fine pianist. The Church History Class entertained Betty and at the Musica, acted as ushers. During the afternoon punch and wafers were served in the Lounge, with class members acting



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as hosts and hostesses.

E. H. Coltrin who has been very ill is on the road to recovery.

The LeRoy Gardners are enjoying a visit from LeRoy's father.

Luther Eggertson was a recent visitor. He has been attending the university.

Price Ball and Kenneth Mahl are reported as enjoying their work in Phoenix, Arizona.

Richard W. Young and Reuben T. Evans recently returned from Washington D. C.

Miss Emily Merrill will leave for Salt Lake City December 11 where she will be married to Datus Hammond, a former member of the Berkeley Ward.

## VALLEJO

Vallejo Ward is growing, Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford are the proud parents of a baby boy, born at the Vallejo General Hospital November 8th, Mrs. Telford is now convalescing at her home.

On November 14, the Vallejo Ward Sunday school was re-organized the following officers being sustained, Supt. Elbert E. Taylor, 1st Assistant Vern S. Oakey, 2nd Assistant J. Leroy Murdoch, with the other officers intact.

Ward Conference, held November 21, was pronounced by all a most enjoyable day. We were favored with the presence of Don C. Wood and W. J. Nielsen Stake High Council Officers who were representing the Stake Presidency, and hope to enjoy another visit from them in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Henderson former members now residing in Stockton were visitors at our Sunday morning session of Conference.

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## DIMOND

The Harvest Ball given under the auspices of the Mutual officers, Friday evening November 19, was a successful affair. However, more of our members should patronize these parties and encourage our new officers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Madsen of Fairview, Utah are visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Rex McKean. Mr. McKean recently assumed the responsibility of ward clerk.

Sarah Summerhays, Primary Superintendent wishes to thank her officers and teachers for their splendid co-operation in helping to make the Primary Conference a success. Sunday evening November 14; they had cause to be very proud of the children.

Mrs. Ella Chase returned to Oakland last week after an extended visit in Utah with relatives.

The Ward reunion and Bazaar held Saturday afternoon and evening, December 4, was a marvellous success. It was sponsored by the bishopric, and every organization displayed a great deal of enthusiasm. Besides the lovely handmade things, the practical

articles of clothing that were sold so reasonably, the delectable home cooked cakes, pies and etc., even shoes and household articles were for sale. Games of skill, a jitney dance, and a picture show were enjoyed. Good things were served to eat afternoon and evening. An entertaining program was given in the Chapel in the early evening. All felt well repaid for their work.

Owing to his work Elmer Clarke was released from his duties as 1st Counselor

in the Bishopric last month, Dr. Glen R. Dorius was made 1st counselor and Clyde W. Curtis, 2nd counselor. Junius Payne was made Superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A. with Joe Johnson and Ralph Lauper as his counselors.

Ward Conference was held Sunday November 21, the morning session was devoted to the reports from the Sunday School and Primary organizations, the evening, to the Relief Society, the Mutual and Genealogical Society. All representatives were very sincere, and optimistic for the success of their particular organization. The Bishop's reports were gratifying.

A lively interest is being taken in the Church reading class sponsored by Charles C. Cherrington, and meeting each Sunday evening following Sacrament meeting at different homes.

Alice Lauper gave a delightful party for her Bee-hive girls at her home, Saturday afternoon, November 20. In spite of the rain a large group of young girls were

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## OAKLAND

Carl Fielding has been released from his position in the Sunday School Superintendent, and has taken charge of the Genealogy Department of the Oakland Ward.

Rulon Doxey has taken Carl Fielding's place in the Sunday School.

Isabel Nielsen has returned from a six month's stay in Salt Lake City, and Huey is busy getting acquainted with his new son.

Oakland Ward is sponsoring two "Book of Mormon Clubs"—held after the Sacrament Meeting. The young people, under the direction of Elwin Bagley, meet at the various homes while Bishop Shields conducts the older people's class in the chapel.

Sterling Aldridge and family have moved to Portland, Oregon. Mr. Aldridge sold his business here and has joined his brother-in-law, Glen Watts, in Portland.

Corol Oliver and her mother are back in Oakland after spending five years in Chicago. Her many friends will enjoy her stay here.

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## MARTINEZ

Mrs. Felt, of Ogden, was a recent visitor here at the home of her daughter Mrs. Le Grande Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Easton of Kemmerer, Wyoming, who were recently married in the Salt Lake Temple, spent several days in Martinez visiting at the home of Andrew Easton, a brother.

Bishop and Mrs. Lynn Healey of Magna, Utah, have returned to their home after a week spent at the W. B. Knowles home. Mrs. Healey and Mrs. Knowles are sisters.

A surprise stork shower was given by Mrs. Audie Johnson and Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth at the Johnson home in honor of Mrs. Roberta Storey, who received many beautiful gifts. The evening was spent playing games and refreshments were served.

A circus was held October 29th in place of the regular costume and masquerade ball for Hallowe'en and was voted a huge success by all the hundred who attended. George Barber was general chairman.

The Primary conference was held November 14th. Stake officers attending were the Mesdames Woods, Cooley and Hart.

Ward Conference was held November 21. Clyde J. Summerhays of the Stake Presidency and John J. Kest of the High Council were in attendance.

Mrs. Elsie Nix and her little daughter, Michelle, have both been ill. Everyone hopes to see them out again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Guymon and family spent several days visiting with relatives in Sacramento.

Several members of the Ward spent Thanksgiving out of town, the Knowles family in San Francisco, the Bernards family in San Rafael, the Bradbury family in Sacramento, the Easton family in San Jose, the Hipwells in Vallejo, and the Cul-lens family in Alameda.

## ALAMEDA

Alameda Ward Conference was held Sunday, November 21, under the direction of Don J. Allphin and Claude M. Dewsnip of the Stake High Council, both meetings were well attended and very good reports were made by heads of the organizations.

The M Men and Gleaner Girls enjoyed an informal party at the home of Roy Minson on November 17.

The Relief Society held a Social at the Hall in connection with work day meeting on November 8. Bingo was played and a desert luncheon followed.

Bishop and Mrs. L. H. Crandall enjoyed a week in Utah with Mr. Crandall's mother and family and friends. Two days were spent in the Salt Lake Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Knowles are in Utah visiting friends and relatives.

The members of the Sunday School class taught by Charles Lofthouse enjoys a party given by him or some member of the class each month. The party this month was given in the home of Nathaniel Nations.

The M. I. A. had a Good-Time Party (Hallowe'en) on November 1 in the Hall, a large crowd of young folks had a delightful evening.

We are very proud of our Basketball team this year which is being coached by M Men leader Clare Hunt.

Mrs. Effie Gilbert gave a dinner-party for all of the Primary officers, teachers and children in honor of the birthday of her grand-daughter, Hazel Marie Bhoemore.

Alameda Ward will serve a Building Fund Dinner to be held at the Hall on December 10th; dinner will be served between 5:30 and 8 P. M. All are invited, the price will be \$1.00 per plate.

We welcome to our ward Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fishburn and family. Mr. Fishburn is a former Bishop of Brigham City. Also we welcome the J. Radahangh and family from Long Beach, California.

## VITAL STATISTICS

## BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Oakland, a daughter, October 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Garney Johnson, Oakland, a son, October 20.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franke, Alameda, a daughter.  
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford, Vallejo, a son, November 8.

## BLESSINGS:

Donald Lawrence Dutro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dutro, Berkeley, November 7.  
Ardis Arme Baker, daughter of Mrs. Mildred J. Baker, Berkeley, November 7.  
Gerald Melbourne Oches, Dimond, November 7.  
Kermeth Ray Loveland, Dimond, November 7.  
Alpha Magnon Lee, Dimond, November 7.  
Farlow Donald Addis, Dimond, November 7.  
John Anthony Monte, Hayward, November 7.

## BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

November 6 and 7.  
Eunice Harmon, Berkeley.  
Harold Kay Noall, Berkeley  
Robert Tracy Stout, Berkeley  
Laddie Dean Rice, Berkeley  
Lars Edward Andrews, Berkeley  
Donald Herbert Weiland, Dimond  
Robert Fred Folkerson, Dimond  
Neil A. Dumford, Dimond

## ORDINATIONS, November 7:

Maurice McFadden, Dimond, priest.  
Grant McN. Osborn, Berkeley, priest  
Donald Schipper, Elmhurst, teacher.  
John R. Paine, Elmhurst, deacon  
Robert L. Hunter, Elmhurst, deacon  
Phillip A. Lewis, Hayward, deacon  
Elmand L. Peterson, Hayward, deacon  
Milton Wells, Hayward, deacon.

## MARRIAGES:

Raymond O. Cherry and Mary Perry of Dimond, on November 20, by Bishop Rufus O. Phelps.  
William Louis Fowlks and Olga Lott of Berkeley, on November 20, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.  
Thomas Stephen Merrill and Ruth La Vin Cragin of Berkeley, on November 1, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.  
Robert Frank Bird and Ellen Anderson of Berkeley, on November 20, by Bishop Alma D. Erickson.  
Thomas Ellis Edwards and Orilla Brierley, at Vallejo on November 2, by Bishop Alvin G. Cheshire.

## HAYWARD

The M Men and Gleaners sponsored a dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by thirty-five couples. The M Men have a class of nineteen this year even though we do not have a basketball team.

Mary Stewart and her counselors have been released from the presidency of the Relief Society. Sarah Johnston has been chosen as the new president with Armerel H. Wells as 1st counselor and Grace Reinking acting as secretary.

The Sunday School had to be reorganized because Superintendent W. T. Webb became a member of the bishopric. William A. Millet has been sustained as the new Superintendent. He has chosen Maurice McFadden and Bernard Stewart as assistants and Leona Webb as Secretary.

The Y. M. M. I. A. had to be reorganized because Claude Lundquist moved to Dimond. Harold B. Haws has been sustained as Superintendent with Keith Christensen as his first counselor and Elwood Johnston as secretary.

We are pleased to welcome the Ryder and Teeple families to our Ward.

A dance sponsored by the Priesthood was given in honor of Dr. Leo J. Parry and Glen C. Rounds, the retiring members of the branch presidency. Tokens of appreciation for their labors in the form of a book were given to these brethren.

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